

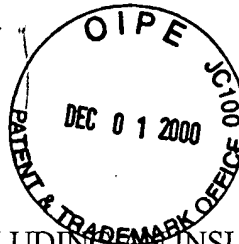
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In re Application of: Yasunori INOUE et al.

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING AN INSULATION FILM ON A  
CONDUCTIVE LAYER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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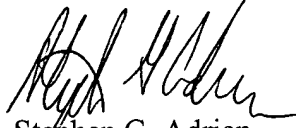
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